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Skirting Shadows
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Chapter 1
YOU'RE FINISHED.
THIS IS WHERE YOU DIE!
I... I'M NOT DONE YET!!
I'LL NEVER DIE!!
NOT UNTIL I'VE MASTERED THE WAY OF THE SHINOBI!!!

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THIS I SWEAR!

I WILL DANCE AND FIGHT FOR JUSTICE!!

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"-KA..."
I WON'T LOSE ...
I'LL NEVER GIVE UP...
"ASUKA..."
NOT UNTIL I'VE MASTERED THE WAY OF THE SHINOBI...
THAT'S ENOUGH, ASUKA!!
DOZE
HUH?
Hanzo National Academy: Second Year Student
ASUKA

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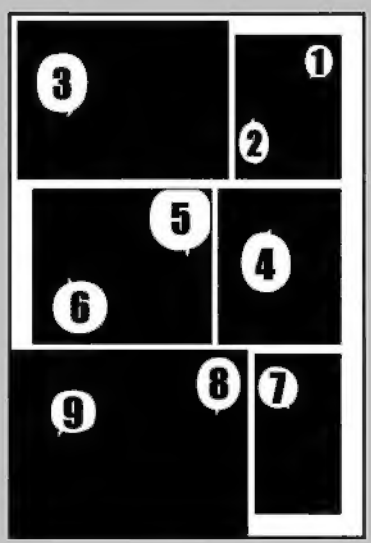


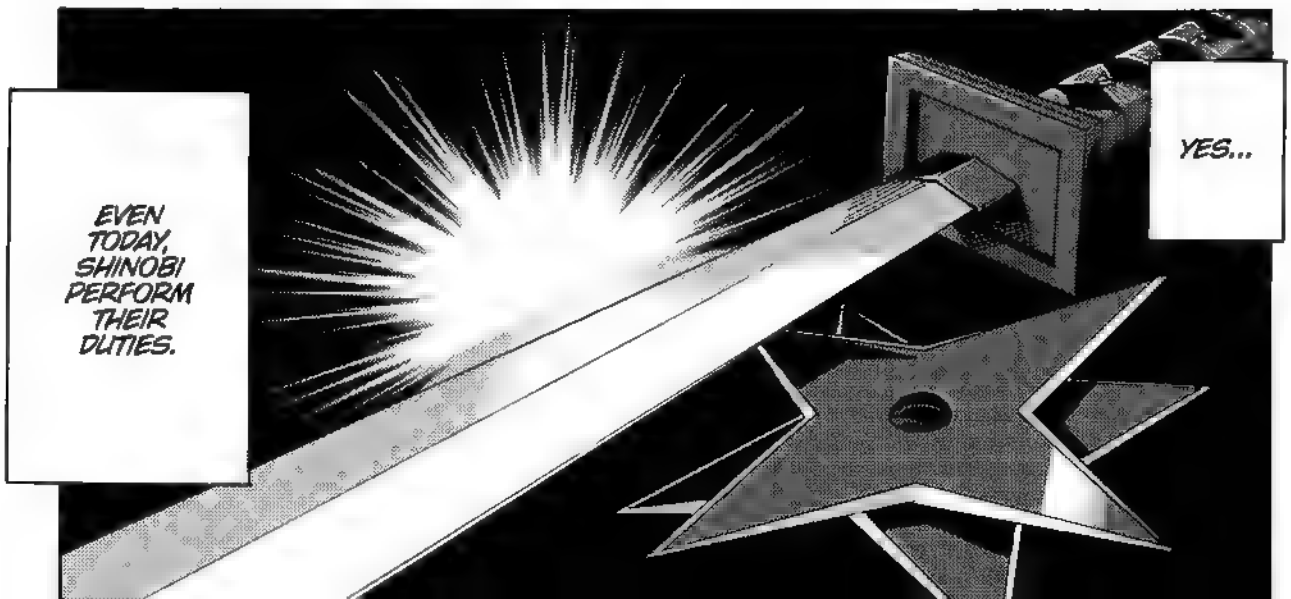
AH...
HUH?
NNNGH...
Hanzo National Academy: Master KIRIYA
SO. DID YOU MASTER THE WAY OF THE SHINOBI?
MASTER KIRIYA...
HOW'D YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
AMAZED
KEE HEE HEE...

OH!
HUFF HUFF
AND...
OOOH~!
AND...
YOU WERE TALKING IN YOUR SLEEP.
GRIN
GRIN
TWITCH
R-REALLY?
TWITCH
Hanzo National Academy: Second Year Student
KATSURAGI

ASUKA, LET'S GET YOUR BRAIN WORKING AGAIN.
PLEASE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZE THE HISTORY OF THE SHINOBI.

STRA-GETTEN
Y...
YES, SIR!

ELITE BANDS OF WARRIORS KNOWN AS SHINOBI FIRST FORMED DURING THE FEUDAL ERA.
THEY WORKED UNDER DAIMYOS--FEUDAL LORDS OR LAND-OWNERS.
THEY SPIED, ENGAGED IN SUB-VERSIVE ACTIVITIES, AND EVEN PERFORMED ASSASSI-NATIONS.
THE MEIJI RESTORATION ENDED FEUDAL SOCIETY IN JAPAN...
AND TALK OF SHINOBI CEASED.
BUT EVEN AS TIMES CHANGE, PEOPLE STAY THE SAME.
WE STILL NEED THOSE WHO OPERATE IN THE SHADOWS.


YES...
EVEN TODAY, SHINOBI PERFORM THEIR DUTIES.

TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, THIS IS MERELY A HUGE PREP SCHOOL WITH ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS ENROLLED.
HANZO NATIONAL ACADEMY
国立半蔵学院

HOWEVER, ALONGSIDE THE REGULAR STUDENTS...
DISCIPLES OF SHINOBI HONE THEIR ART.
COMPLETELY INVISIBLE TO THEIR CLASSMATES.

THE SCHOOL WAS ESTABLISHED TO CREATE A FORCE TO COUNTER THE BEHAVIOR OF UNSANC-TIONED SHINOBI
A NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR TRAINING SHINOBI.
HANZO ACADEMY'S PRIVATE MISSION IS TO SERVE AS

RIGHT NOW, THE SHINOBI...
AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION ARE CALLED ZENNIN, OR "GOOD NINJA"...
AND THE ONES OPERATING OUTSIDE OF THE LAW...
ARE KNOWN AS AKUNIN, OR "EVIL NINJA."

PRECISELY.

WE ZENNIN ARE DESTINED TO BATTLE THE AKUNIN.
EVEN AS AGES PASS...
AND GOVERNMENTS COME AND GO...
THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL...
TWIRL TWIRL
WILL NEVER CEASE.
GULP...

Y-YES?!
HIBARI.
AND...
TELL US ABOUT THE SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART.
Hanzo National Academy, First Year Student
HIBARI
AS YOU FIGHT, WHAT WILL YOU RELY ON FOR ASSISTANCE?
ONE MUST CALL UPON THE POWER OF NATURE DURING BATTLE.
TO OVERCOME ONE'S LIMITS...
AH...
WELL...
IN ORDER TO USE THE SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART, ONE MUST HAVE THE CORRE-SPONDING SCROLL.
YOU MUST KEEP THESE SCROLLS CLOSE AT ALL TIMES.
HIBARI FROM THE RABBIT ...
YAGYU FROM THE SQUID ...
ASUKA DRAWS POWER FROM THE TOAD...
AS YOU ALL KNOW ...
YOU EACH BORROW FROM THESE NATURAL POWERS TO INVOKE THE ART OF NINJA.
AND KATSURAGI FROM THE DRAGON.
IKARUGA FROM THE PHOENIX ...

I KEEP MINE UP MY SKIRT.
MINE'S BETWEEN MY BOOBS.
YOUR BOOBS? HOW INTERESTING. HMM...
SISTER KATSU?
LEAN
LET'S SEE HOW WELL IT'S GUARDED!!
POUNCE
KYAAAH!!

JUST STAY STILL! I ONLY NEED A SEC.
AH...
SISTER KATSU... STOP IT...!
AH...
TWITCH
HEY, KATSURAGI.
TREMBLE
KEE HEE HEE.
SO SOFT... SO FINE...
TWITCH
TWITCH
WRITHE
?

YOU'RE WASTING OUR TIME.
CAN YOU SAVE THE SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR LATER?
GRIN
Harizo National Academy, First Year Student
YAGYU
SIDLE
SO, YAGYU-CHAN ...
WHERE ARE YOU HIDING YOUR SCROLL ...?
SLIDE
AROUSED
WHOOSH
IS IT... HERE?
GRASP

VANISH——ED
LIFT
HERE?
OR PER-HAPS ...
GONG
GONG
GONG
GONG
GONG
BEENG
BOONG
BONG
BING
AH!
AWKWARD SILENCE
SORRY... GUESS I CROSSED A LINE.
WHOOPS.

POMF
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY-- CLASS DISMISSED.
JEEZ...
.....
YES, THANK YOU.
THANK YOU, MASTER!!

PHEW...

I'M GETTING HUNGRY ...
I'M NOT SURPRISED THAT CLASS AROUSED YOUR... APPETITE.
THANKS TO YOU, SISTER KATSU!!
I'M ACTUALLY RATHER FAMISHED AS WELL.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING OF FOR LUNCH?
WOULD YOU PLEASE STOP IT?!
FORGIVE ME, ASUKA.♡
Hanzo National Academy, Third Year Student
IKARUGA
SIGH...

*Sushi wrapped in rice and seaweed.
**Dried seasoned squid.

KAGURAZAKA DISTRICT
YOU'LL FIND ALL OF THAT HERE!
AND SWEETS, CORRECT?
SURIME, RAMEN, FUTOMAKI ROLLS...
HUH?
カラーン
EMPTY
SWOOSH
ALL THE STORES ARE CLOSED?
OH DEAR THAT'S ODD
GUN
GUN
GUUUUN
WHAT THE...?

WHISPER.
WHISPER.
HEY, HEY, HEY!
WHAT THE!?
HUH?
THERE'S THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM.

I SEE. IT SEEMS SOME TROUBLE-MAKERS ARE HAVING A FIELD DAY.
AS A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, I MUST TAKE ACTION.
UH HUH. I AGREE.

FOR THE SANCTITY OF THE SHOPPING DISTRICT!
ZAH
FOR YUMMY FOOD!!
DON

STOMP
DELIN-QUENTS!!
VACATE THIS SHOPPING AREA AT ONCE!!
HUH?
YOU'RE INCONVEN-IENCING THE SHOP-KEEPERS!!
NOD
NOD
YEAH!
AND US, TOO!

HA! YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP OUR FUN?
YOU'LL NEED MORE THAN OVER-INFLATED BOOBS TO TAKE US DOWN!
SHIFT
WE'LL MAKE YOU BEG FOR MERCY!!
DU-DUN
GIRLS!!
SO BE IT!

LET'S GO!

SHINOBI FIGHT FOR *JUSTICE*... AND FOOD!!

LET'S GO!

SHINOBI
FIGHT
FOR
JUSTICE...
AND
FOOD!!

GRAB
ELITE BANDS OF WARRIORS ...
FWAP
KNOWN AS SHINOBI FIRST FORMED DURING THE FEUDAL ERA.

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FLIP

BUT EVEN AS TIMES CHANGE, PEOPLE STAY THE SAME.
ARRRGH
BEEP!
SLASH
THOSE WHO OPERATE IN THE SHADOWS ARE STILL NEEDED.

THIS IS A HISTORY OF THE BATTLES ...
OF THESE FEMALE STUDENTS OF SHINOBI.

CRUNCH

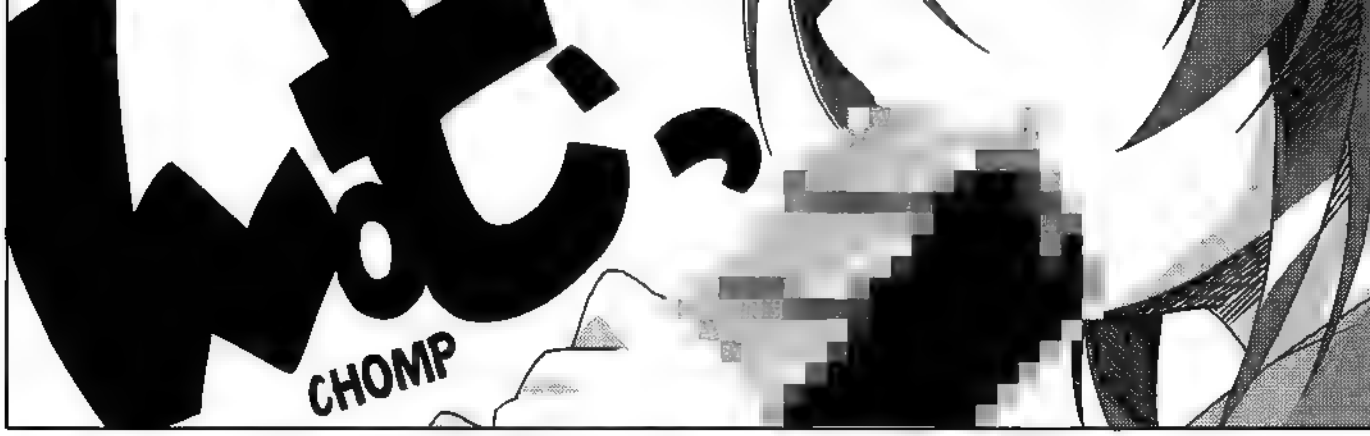
A RECORD OF THE ONGOING BATTLE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL

SHING
SHINK
FWUMP
OOF

YEAH!
TURN
THEIR FATE IS NOT YET CLEAR...
WHAT WILL THEY GAIN--- OR LOSE?
WHAT WILL THESE GIRLS LEARN FROM THEIR CONFLICTS?

LOOK AT THIS!
I GOT EVERYTHING THAT YOU WANTED...
WOOHOO!!
YAY!
YAY!
AND THEN I, AS CLASS REPRESEN-TATIVE, COMBINED IT ALL!
HUH?!
I CALL IT...
REVEAL

SURUME RAMEN (FUTOMAKI ROLL EDITION) MEETS SWEETS!
BLOOORP
BLORP
DOOOOOM
SINCE WE'RE ALL FRIENDS, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE ATE ONE UNIFIED MEAL.
I'M NOT HUNGRY ANYMORE.
TWITCH
TWITCH
YEAH... ME NEITHER.
.....
AAAAH...
UM... IKAGAI-SAN WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO MAKE THIS, SO WE'VE GOT TO TRY IT...
TREMBLE
SWEAT SWEAT
SHAKE
SHAKE
ASUKA, ARE YOU SURE?!

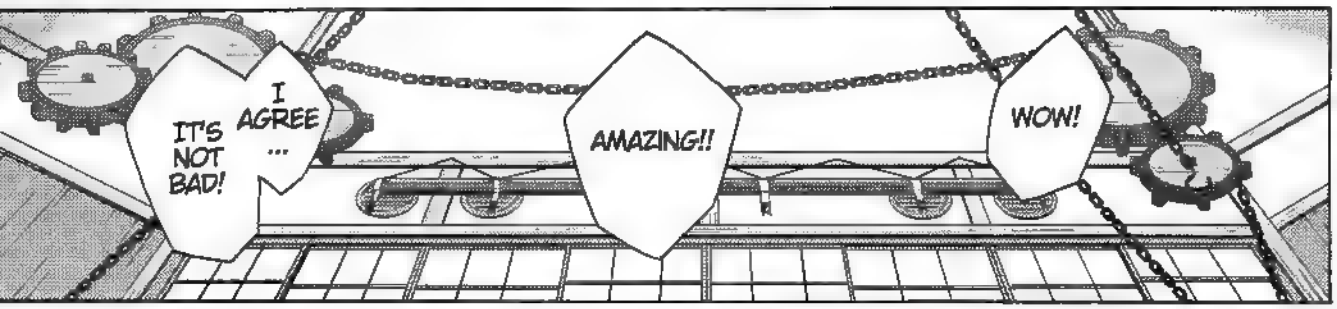

CHOMP

URRGH...!

INCREDIBLY TASTY!!
GRIP
HEY...
THIS IS...

IF HIBARI'S EATING IT, THEN I'LL TRY IT...
I GUESS I'LL TRY IT, TOO.
NO JOKE?!
MUNCH
MUNCH
AH HA HA! OF COURSE IT IS.

ぱくっ
BITE


IT'S NOT BAD!
I AGREE ...
AMAZING!!
WOW!

I SUPPOSE ...
I'LL TRY IT...
NIBBLE...

STILL...

THIS IS SOOO GOOD.

IT WOULD'VE BEEN NICE...
TO HAVE AN ORDINARY FUTOMAKI ROLL, TOO.
AH HA HA...
.....
REALLY?
JUST A FUTO-MAKI ROLL?!

Chapter Two
I LOVE THIS WEATHER!
IT'S BEEN SO NICE AND WARM ALL MONTH!
AHHH!
PERK
WHOA ?!
BUMP
OOPS!
I'M SO SORRY!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO BUMP INTO YOU...
SORRY, SORRY!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
NO WORRIES— I'M OKAY.
HUH?
RUSH
I'M FINE.
OH, YEAH ...
LATER!
RUSH
THAT WAS KINDA STRANGE ...
HUH?
RUSTLE
RUMMAGE
WHAT?
RUMMAGE
RUSTLE

THAT GIRL!
TURN
WHERE'S MY WALLET ?!
SHOCK
STOP!!
PHYUUU
DASH
GIVE THAT BACK!
MY...
HEY, YOU!
HEE HEE HEE!
EASY PEASY.
500 YEN!!
MY CHERISHED ...

WHA...?!
SWOOSH
CHING
TSK!
SWIPE
JIGGLE
ばいーん
PANT
PANT
JIGGLE
ばいーん

HEY!
"MELON TITS"?!
MY NAME IS ASUKA!
GRRR!
...
MS. MELON TITS.
HERE'S YOUR WALLET BACK...
TOSS
FWISH
AH...
THANK YOU...!
MUST
MUST
CATCH
ANYWAY...
LET ME PAY YOU BACK FOR GETTING MY WALLET!
OKAY...
I'M HOMURA.
HMM...
NO THANKS.
HOMURA-CHAN!
LET ME TREAT YOU! I'VE GOT 500 YEN*...
GRIN
レニぱっ

*About $5.00.

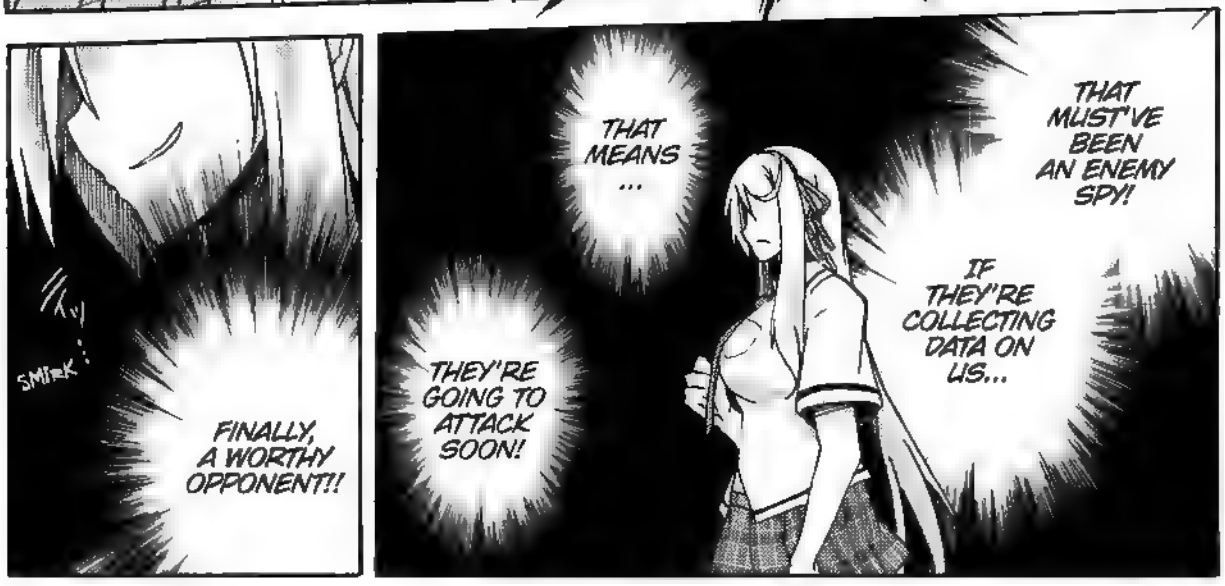
HOMURA-CHAN...
SPARKLE
キラ
SIGH...
キラ
SPARKLE
THE WAY SHE MOVED...
I WONDER IF SHE STUDIES MARTIAL ARTS...?
OH DEAR.
THERE SHE GOES...
OKAY!
GUESS I NEED MORE TRAINING!!
DETERMINED

DAY IN AND DAY OUT, ALL I DO IS TRAIN.
Sha-!
Ya-!
I'M SO BORED.
Ha-!
I NEED A REAL CHALLENGE ...
I WANT TO FIGHT SOMEONE WHO PUSHES ME TO THE EDGE.
CRMBLG
CRMBLG
THIS IS TOO BORING.
SUPAH
SNAP
STEP
STEP

I GUESS NOT.
ITCH
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
CHOKO ?!
RUSTLE
.....
MOM...
DAD...
PULL YOURSELF TOGETH-ER!
SLAP
TIME FOR BREAK-FAST!!

I MET THIS COOL GIRL IN THE SHOPPING AREA--
YOU'LL NEVER BELIEVE THIS!
PUSH
OH! SISTER KATSU !!
SLIDE
WHAM
SLUUUURRRRP
BON APPÉTIT.
NGHAAH. (HUH.)
MMPH... (OH...)
RMPH? (REALLY?)
SLURP
FWWURP
EH?
A FLYING...
SPHERE?
HOVER.
HOVER.
HAH!

DISSOLVE
WHOA!!
SLICE


SMIRK
FINALLY, A WORTHY OPPONENT!!
THAT MEANS ...
THEY'RE GOING TO ATTACK SOON!
IF THEY'RE COLLECTING DATA ON US...
THAT MUST'VE BEEN AN ENEMY SPY!

?!
!!
HUH?
SISTER KATSU ...
.....

I KNOW...
WE'LL TELL THE OTHERS WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THEY GET HERE.

HEY...
THAT THING...

SO, THAT'S THE DEAL.
I THINK WE SHOULD TELL MASTER KIRIYA!
I AGREE.
BUT... ISN'T HE AWAY ON BUSINESS TODAY?
CRAP.

CALM DOWN ...
NO ONE'S ATTACKED US YET.
FRET
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? WILL SOMEONE REALLY ATTACK US?!
CAN WE HANDLE THIS?!
.....
GIRLS...
SHIVER
THERE'S SOMEONE OUTSIDE!

HEY!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
STOMP
YOU GIRLS...
ARE STUDENTS OF SHINOBI AT HANZOMON, AREN'T YOU?

SHINOBI ?!
WE DO ATTEND HANZOMON, BUT WE'RE JUST--
DON'T DENY IT.
FLASH
!
IT'S YOU!

*A space protected by a supernatural barrier

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
HANZO ACADEMY'S SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART SCROLL...
GIVE IT TO ME, AND I'LL LEAVE PEACE-FULLY.
OH, IS THAT IT?!
WE'D NEVER GIVE IT TO YOU! A SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART SCROLL IS JUST THAT...
COM-PLETELY SUPER-SECRET ...!
SHIFF...
AND IF WE REFUSE ...
WHAT THEN?

I'LL TAKE IT BY FORCE!!
SWING
FLOURISH
THEN...
GLEAN
?!
CLASH

SCRAPE
ASUKA...!
BUT ...
CLENCH
SORRY, SISTER KATSU!! I'LL HANDLE HOMURA-CHAN!!
?!
WHO'S THERE ?!
TURN
PLEASE...
IF YOU'RE THAT DESPERATE TO FIGHT, BY ALL MEANS...

HEE HEE!
HEY!
ARE YOU ANY GOOD?!
SLICE
HIKAGE...
SWISH
SWIPE
.....
I'D BETTER BE...
?
FLICK
THEY GAVE ME THIS ASSIGNMENT, AFTER ALL...
SO I MUST BE, HMM?

CLASH
KEEEN
YEAH!
I DIDN'T THINK WE'D MEET AGAIN LIKE THIS!
SO, MS. MELON TITS!!
YOU'RE A SHINOBI!!
GYEEEEN

TELL ME...
TO BECOME THE *BEST* SHINOBI, OF COURSE!!
WHY DO YOU NEED THE SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART SCROLL?
ONCE I OBTAIN THE SUPER-SECRET NINJA ART SCROLL FROM EVERY SCHOOL, I'LL BE UNSTOPPABLE!!

I SAW YOUR SKILL, HOMURA-CHAN...
AND YOU INSPIRED ME TO TRAIN HARDER!!

THAT'S NOT RIGHT...
YOU DON'T NEED THE SCROLLS TO BE THE BEST--YOU JUST NEED *HARD WORK!*

I DIS-AGREE ...
THE BEST WARRIOR WILL DO ANYTHING TO IMPROVE.
KEEEN
HUFF HUFF
THAT IS THE WAY OF HEBIJO.
THAT'S ...
THAT GOES AGAINST THE SHINOBI WAY...!
GRIP
DASH
THAT CAN'T BE RIGHT!!

KYEEEN
GAH!
THIS IS TOO EASY!!
HMPF ...!!
YOUR OFFENSE IS WEAK AND SLOW, JUST LIKE THE REST OF YOU!!

I ONLY STOPPED BY TODAY TO INTRODUCE MYSELF.
THAT'S ENOUGH.
SHEATHE
POOF
NEXT TIME WE MEET, DON'T EXPECT TO SURVIVE THE ENCOUNTER.

ASUKA CHAN
DAMN
HE'S GOT AWAY
!
HOMURA-CHAN
!

Chapter Three

The Art of Sexual Harassment:
LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE TALKING!

KATSURAGI-SAN? ARE YOU OKAY?
STARTLE

YOU... AREN'T WORTH MY TIME.

WAVE
WHA ...?
OH... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

REALLY?
I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT...
SLIDE
WELL...
YOU LOOK A LITTLE... DEPRESSED.
DEPRESSED?
NAH. I'VE GOTTEN OVER LOSING TO THAT SNAKE GIRL.

EH HEH!
THANKS FOR WORRYING, THOUGH!
HOW 'BOUT I GIVE YOUR BOOBS A RUB--- AS A THANK YOU?
FONDLE
FONDLE
Air boobs!
NO THANKS.

I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT HIKAGE DOWN...
BUT I DON'T INTEND TO FORGET IT.

THE PRINCIPAL TOLD ME EVERYTHING.
MASTER KIRIYA...
YOU GIRLS DID...
PRETTY...
.....

FORGET BECOMING A SHINOBI, AND LEAVE THIS SCHOOL NOW.
LOOK, IF ANY OF YOU ARE FEELING SORRY FOR YOURSELVES FOR LOSING TO HEBIJO STUDENTS...
BUT ASUKA IS ONLY A SECOND YEAR, AND SHE TOOK ON THE ENEMY LEADER! IT'S IMPRESSIVE THAT SHE SURVIVED!!
SAY WHAT YOU WANT ABOUT ME...
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S A LITTLE HARSH, MASTER KIRIYA?
SHE DESERVES A LITTLE CREDIT?!
SNIFF...
DON'T YOU THINK...
C'MON, MASTER KIRIYA!! GIVE US A BREAK!

HEBIJO TRAINS EVIL NINJA... THEY FIGHT WITHOUT ETHICS OR MORALS.
THEY AREN'T SELECTIVE ABOUT THEIR METHODS. THEY WILL ATTACK RELENTLESSLY UNTIL THEY GET WHAT THEY WANT...
LIKE A SNAKE.
SLITHER
SLITHER
SLITHER
SLITHER
SLITHER
DO YOU THINK WE CAN AVOID ANOTHER FIGHT?
IN THAT CASE ...
WHY DON'T WE ATTACK THEM FIRST?
THERE IS NO NEGOTIATING WITH THEM. THEY WILL ATTACK AGAIN.
IF YOU WANT TO ATTACK THEM, YOU NEED TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.
SLUMP
わぃくし
URGH ...

MASTER KIRIYA WILL PROTECT US!
OF COURSE.
HEY!
CHEER UP! MASTER KIRIYA IS HERE, SO WE'RE OKAY FOR NOW!
BOUNCE
WH...
WHAT?! YOU WON'T HELP US?!!
GRAB
YOU'D JUST LET US DIE?!
HOW COULD YOU BE SO COLD?!
I REFUSE TO TAKE PART IN YOUR FIGHT WITH HEBIJO.

I'LL SAY IT AGAIN.
PLOP
I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE... IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT YOU'RE STUDENTS.
YOU MUST HAVE A SHINOBI'S RESOLVE.
FORGET ABOUT BECOMING A SHINOBI, AND LEAVE THIS SCHOOL.
IF YOU PLAN TO RELY ON ME IN YOUR FIGHT AGAINST HEBIJO...
MASTER KIRIYA...
CLENCH

I WANT TO TRAIN HARDER!!
I...

DITTO.

AND ME...

ME, TOO! ME, TOO!!
TOTALLY!

PLEASE, MASTER KIRIYA...
I'M READY TO GET RUN THROUGH THE GRINDER!!

I'LL DO MY BEST, TOO... I'LL FIGHT WITHOUT RELYING ON YOU.

ALL RIGHT...
SMILE!!
I ACCEPT YOUR REQUEST...
.....
LET'S START TRAINING!!
LET'S GO!!

I...
WHAT?
SOME-THING WRONG?
DOES YOUR...
STOMACH HURT...?
GLANCE
ぐぅ～
ぐぅ～...

I TRAIN WITH MASTER KIRIYA LIKE EVERYONE ELSE...
BUT I DON'T THINK I'M IMPROVING AT ALL.
WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
.....
NO...
I'M SCARED.
MAYBE I'M NOT CUT OUT TO BE A SHINOBI...
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW HARD I WORK...
IF THERE ARE NO RESULTS, IT DOESN'T COUNT.
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
AND I KEEP MESSING UP EVERYONE'S TRAINING BY DOING DUMB STUFF--
YOU'RE WORKING SO HARD... YOU'RE NOT MESSING ANYTHING UP.

WE'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT.
YAGYU-CHAN, YOU'RE REALLY GOOD.
AND I REALLY SUCK...
HIBARI.
SO YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY...
UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL.

WHAT?
WHY SHOULD I SPAR WITH YOU, YAGYU-CHAN?
COME AT ME.
I'LL BE YOUR SPARRING PARTNER.
I'LL SHOW YOU...
YOUR SKILLS...
MY SKILLS ARE MEANING-LESS!
YOU AND I ARE ON TWO TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVELS.
STARTLED
ENOUGH!!
FACE ME!!

UHYAAA!!
SLAP
STOP HITTING MY BOTTOM ...
TOSS
KYAAH!
WHAP
LAUNCH
NINTOH!!
PATTER
PATTER
AH...
UHH ...!
FIZZLE
SNATCH

WAAAAH
……
WAAAAAAH!!!
WHAP
WHAP
WHAP
POUND
POUND
POUND
……
YAGYU-CHAN, YOU'RE JUST SO...
SLUMP
SO MUCH BETTER THAN ME, AND SMARTER ...
BETTER AT EVERYTHING YOU DO...
AND YOU'RE CUTE, AND COOL...
AND SLIM...
AND YOU HAVE... HUGE BOOBS...
AND...
SELF-CONSCIOUS

HEY--!
SLAP!
AND... AND I'LL NEVER BE BETTER THAN YOU, YAGYU-CHAN...
YAGYU-CHAN?

DO YOU REALLY PLAN TO FIGHT HEBIJO WITHOUT MASTER KIRIYA'S HELP?
WELL...
BUT...
IF YOU DON'T TRY...
HOW WILL YOU EVER KNOW IF YOU CAN DEFEAT ME?

IF YOU MEANT IT...
GET SERIOUS AND COME AT ME!
DASH
YAAAAAH!!
.....
NOD

PHEW ...
HUFF
HUFF...
BUT...
I STILL LOST!
URGGH...

I FEEL MUCH BETTER AFTER SPARRING WITH YOU, YAGYU-CHAN!
GETTING PHYSICAL IS BETTER THAN JUST THINKING ABOUT IT, ISN'T IT?
ポン DUST
ポン DUST
THANK YOU SO MUCH ...
YAGYU-CHAN! ♡

I'M GLAD YOU GET IT NOW.
.....
HERE.
?
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE

WHOA!
DOUGHNUT BUNNIES!!
GLEE
HUG
I'M SO HAPPY!!
I LOVE YOU, YAGYU-CHAN!!

AH...
G-GOOD.
I'M GLAD.

AND...
VICTORY!
YAGYU-CHAN...
I'M GOING TO TRAIN REALLY HARD!
I'LL GET BETTER AND BETTER!
I KNOW.
NOW THAT'S...
THE HIBARI I LOVE...

MUNCH
HUH?
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
MUNCH
N-NO...
IT'S NOTHING. DON'T MIND ME.
?
MUNCH
MUNCH
SO...
FINISH UP, AND LET'S HAVE ANOTHER ROUND!!
AAAARGH!

Chapter Four
YAAAH!!
GRIP
SLICE
CRUMBLE

.....
TING
TURN
PHEW...

TINK
コトッ
CLICK
WOW ...
YOU'RE EARLY, IKARUGA.
HELLO!
MORNING!
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
GOOD MORNING.
BOOONG
RUMBLE
BING

OH!
MORNIN'!
SLIDE!
IKARUGA-SAN!
Dane
GYAH!
NEVER TOO EARLY FOR BOOBS!
Dive
IT'S TOO EARLY FOR THIS!
OH. GOOD MORNING ...
ニコ
SMILE
ASUKA-SAN.
!
ニヤ
GRIN
GOOD MORNING.
キーン
コーン
BOONG
BEENG
CLASS. LET'S BEGIN.

FAMILY TREES?
BOOOR-ING!
LET'S FIGHT!
SCRITCH SCRITCH

TAP
TODAY'S LESSON IS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY TREES.

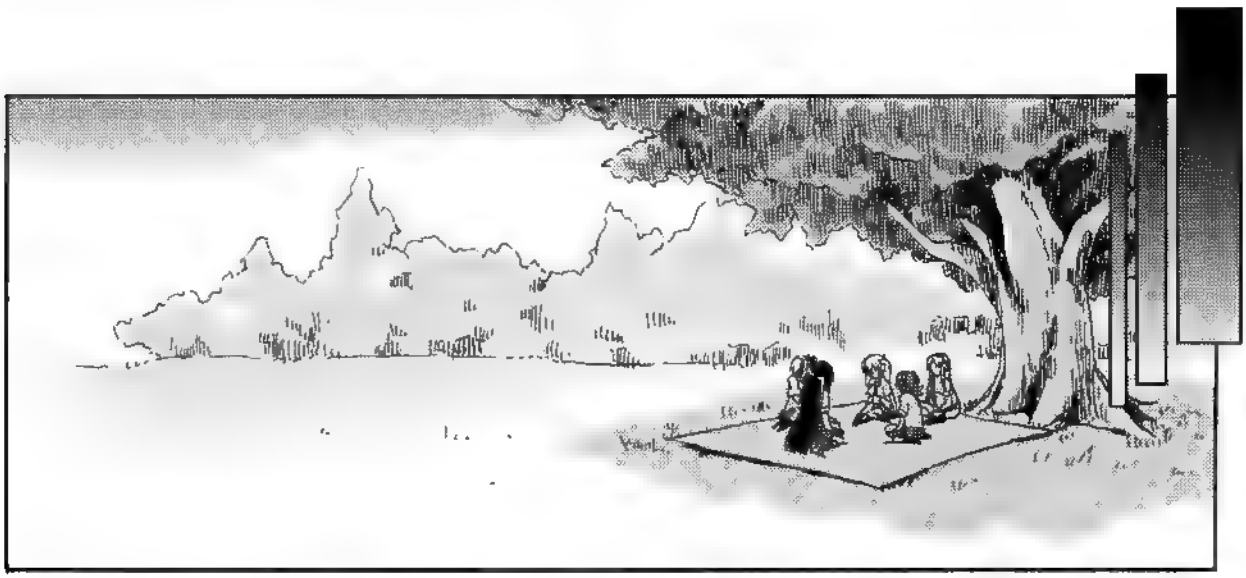
SO, THE LESSON IS ABOUT OUR ANCESTORS? WHAT DO WE DO?
LIMM...
WHAAAT?
BOO
BOO
BOO
CALM DOWN.
THERE'S MORE TO YOUR TRAINING THAN JUST FIGHTING.

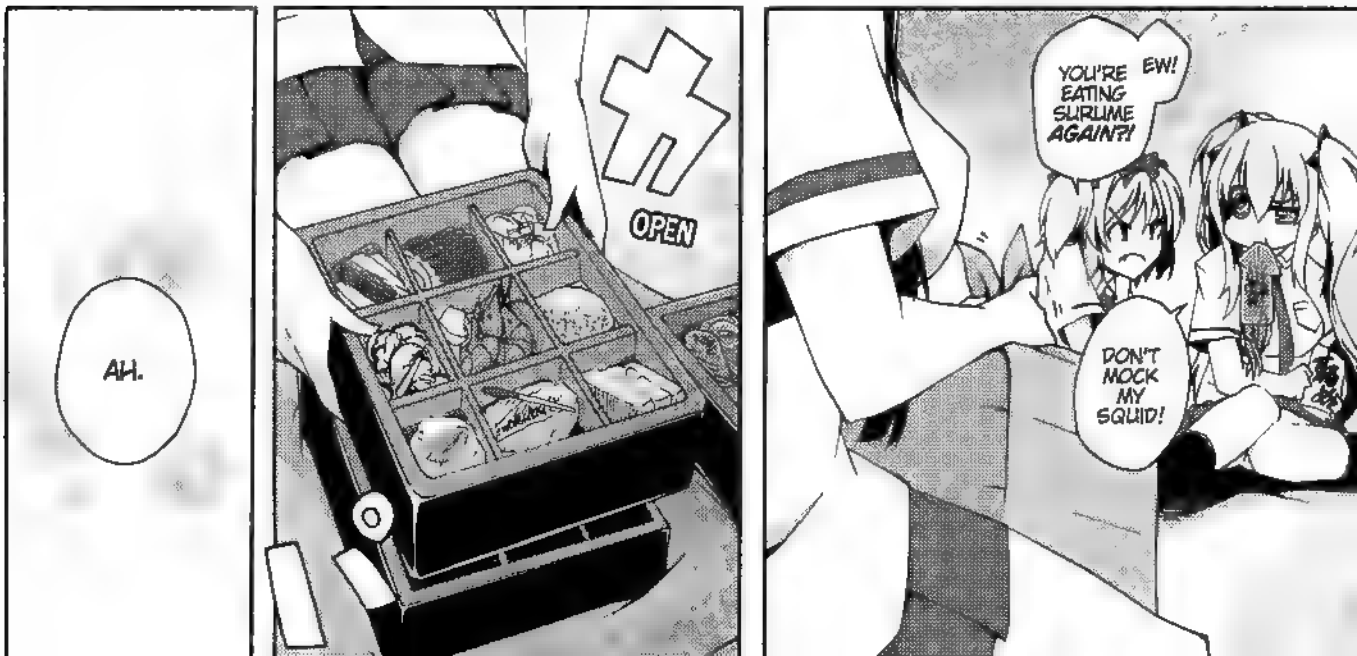
WHO YOUR SHINOBI ANCESTORS WERE, AND WHAT YOU'VE INHERITED FROM THEM.
IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU KNOW THIS...
YOU'RE EACH GOING TO TRACE YOUR LINEAGE.

IN MY FAMILY, MY GRANDPA AND MOM ARE SHINOBI.
SINCE MY FATHER IS AN ORDINARY PERSON, HE DOESN'T REALLY APPROVE.
ALL RIGHT, THEN.
.....
AHEM.
Grandpa
Powerful
Incredible
Mom
Me
BUT I WANT TO BE A GREAT SHINOBI LIKE MY GRANDPA.
AAARGH!
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN LIST THEM ALL!
THIS BITES!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SWISH
SWISH
HEY--! HOW DO YOU KNOW MY MEASUREMENTS?!
YOU FORGOT TO WRITE YOUR MEASUREMENTS. HERE, I'LL ADD THEM.
SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
WHAT?!
YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY UNTIL YOU'RE DONE.

ther
Father
WHY DID YOU STOP?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, IKARUGA?
ZONED OUT
I'M SORRY.
I'LL FINISH IT.
SHIFT
Ikaruga
IKARUGA-SAN?
WHAT'S WRONG?
SNIFF

?
O-OH...
SMILE
IT'S NOTHING.




AH.
OPEN
EW!
YOU'RE EATING SURUME AGAIN?!
DON'T MOCK MY SQUID!

MUNCH
MMMPH?
YEAH...
WHEN SHE EATS FOOD LIKE THIS, SHE HAS TO HAVE IT WITH GREEN TEA!
NO TEA...
パタ TP
パタ TP
MUNCH
OH DEAR.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
MMPH.
STAND

TMP
SLIDE...
WHO'S THERE?!
TENSE
HEY, HEY.
YURAAAH
あ
YOU'LL POKE SOMEONE'S EYE OUT IF YOU AREN'T CAREFUL.
!!
B...

BROTHER!
HEY, SIS. IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
WHAT ...
ARE YOU DOING WITH HIEN: THE FLYING SWALLOW?
OH? THE FAMILY SWORD?
HA HA HA HA HA!
YOU SURE YOU WANT TO KNOW?!
THIS IS MINE.
I CAN DO WHATEVER I WANT WITH IT.
IT'S NOT YOURS.
MOM AND GRANDPA PASSED IT DOWN TO ME.
NOT YOU!
GRIT
STOMP

HOW...
DARE...
YOU!!
GRIND
I LACK THE SKILL TO USE HIEN.
IT'S TRUE ...
CLENCH
MOM AND GRANDPA?

HIEN: THE FLYING SWALLOW SHOULD BE MINE!
MUMBLE
MUTTER
GRIP
IF ONLY YOU HADN'T COME ALONG!
CLENCH
OUTSIDE OUR BLOODLINE. IT'S NOT FOR SOME ADOPTED BRAT!!
BA-THUMP
IT DOESN'T BELONG TO SOMEONE...
BUT ...
THIS TREASURE HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN MY FAMILY.

I WISH IT HADN'T COME TO THIS...
DEAR BROTHER ...
IF ONLY APOLOGIES WERE ENOUGH.
WHY CAN'T HE UNDER-STAND?
IF NECESSARY, I WILL RETRIEVE IT BY FORCE.
FLUTTER
HIEN WAS...
BUT APOLOGIES WON'T MAKE HIM WORTHY OF THAT BLADE...
ENTRUSTED TO ME BY MOM AND GRANDPA. I SWORE TO NEVER GIVE IT TO ANYONE.
FINE.
I DARE YOU TO TRY!!

JINGLE
GOD...
DAMMIT!!
TURN
?!
BROTHER!
BIND
!
SPIN
I'M NO SWORDS-MAN...
SPIN
FWAH HA HA HA...
I'VE GOT YOU NOW!!
TENSE
BUT I'M DEADLY WITH A CHAIN-SICKLE!!

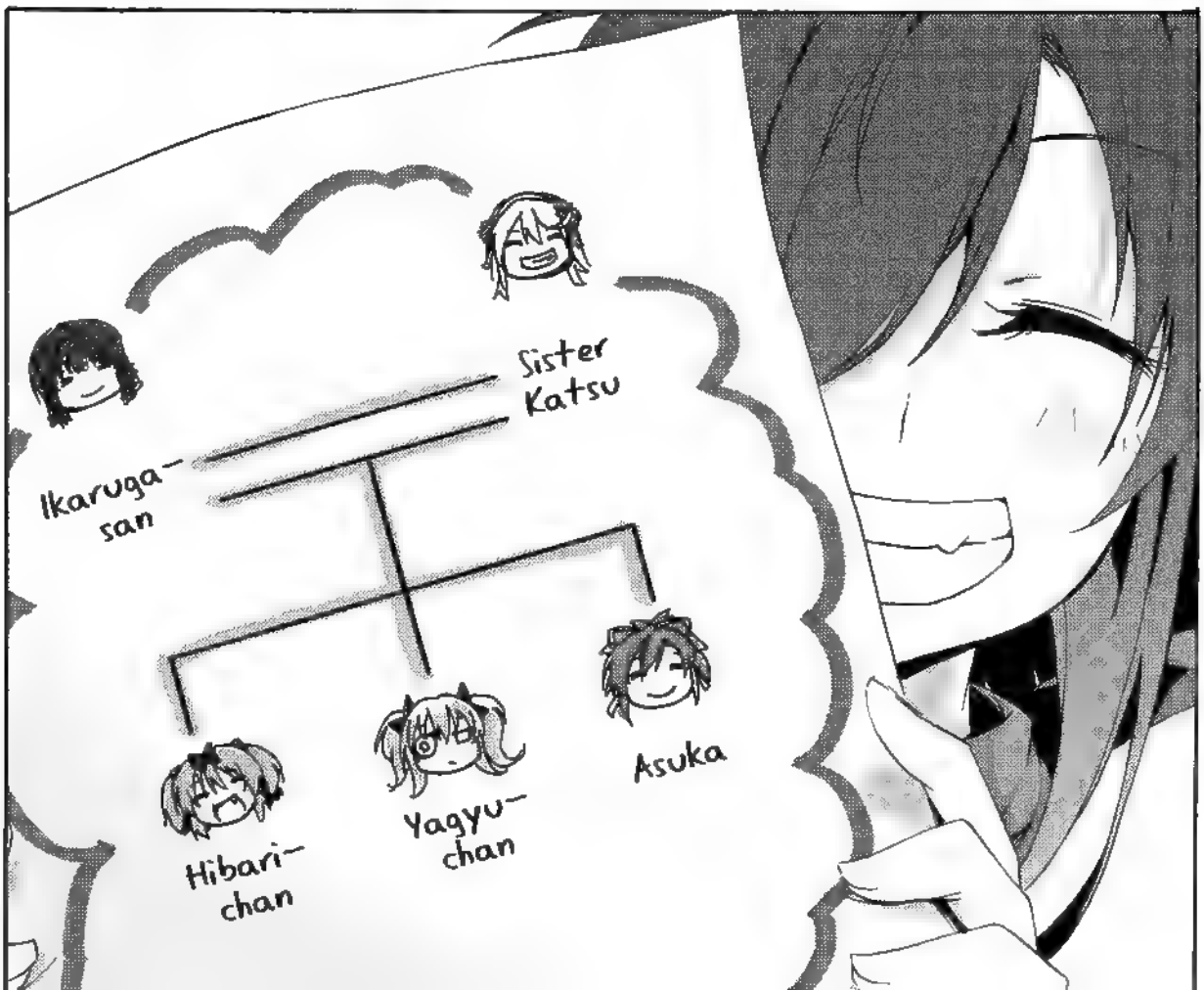
BROTH-
ER...
THAT'S JUST AN AFTER-IMAGE.
DUUN
?!
WHAT THE--?!
GRIP

SWING
WHA...?
PLEASE, TAKE CARE.
DAMN YOU!!
PULL
CREAK
SLAM

YOU OKAY?
YOU TOOK A LONG TIME...
IKARUGA-SAN!
SOMEONE
YES.
EVERYTHING'S FINE.
SHALL WE GO?
?
OH, WAIT!
I WANNA SHOW YOU THIS...

OH...

TA-DA!
CHECK IT OUT!!


Sister Katsu
Ikaruga-san
Hibari-chan
Yagyu-chan
Asuka

A... FAMILY...
THE FIVE OF US ARE LIKE FAMILY!
RIGHT?
HEE HEE!
YES...
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY?!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
WAVE
WAVE
WAVE
WHOA!
IKARUGA-SAN?!

I'M NOT SAD.
Sister Katsu
THESE ARE TEARS OF JOY.
Asuka
Yagyu-chan
Hibari-chan
THANK YOU...
ASUKA-SAN!

Chapter Five
GRR
NO...
I HAVEN'T LOST YET...!
YAGYU-CHAN...
JUST GIVE IT UP.
RRR!
THE STOIC YAGYU-SAN LOOKS FLUSTERED!
OH WOW...
I'LL PROTECT HIBARI IF IT KILLS ME!!
LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE GOT!

NO WAY!!
DOOM
OH YEAH!
GYAH HA HA HA HA!
YOU DREW THE OLD MAID!!
YAGYU-CHAN LOST!!
WAAAAH!
BLANCH

PUSH
WAIT!
I LOST... I'LL TAKE THE PENALTY!!
TIME FOR THE... PENALTY ROUND.
HEE HEE!
RAISE
YES, BUT...
!
WE'RE ALL IN THIS TO-GETHER, RIGHT?
NO WAY! THIS IS A TEAM GAME.
GLOAT
OR BOOBS!
NO BUTTS...
LUST
LUST

GUWAAAH?!
OUCH!
FWAP
UGH...
OWWIE!!
WAAHH!
OUCH...
THIS GAME IS A HEARTLESS BEAST...
IT'S...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THIS!
CRUMPLE
HEY! DON'T WRECK THE CARDS!!

MUMBLE
GRUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
GRUMBLE
MUMBLE
GRUMBLE
HUH?
YOU WANNA FIGHT?
I SEE. YOU WANT A PHYSICAL MATCH.
I ACCEPT.
YOU CAN'T BLAME THE GAME!!
POINT
YOU'RE SCARING THE OTHER PASSENGERS!!
PLEASE CALM DOWN, BOTH OF YOU!!
P-PLEASE ACCEPT MY HUMBLE APOLO-GIES.
HEY!

WOW! LOOK OUTSIDE!

IT'S THE *BEACH!!*

WHOA!

WOOHOO!

WOW! LOOK OUTSIDE!
WHOA!
WOOHOO!
IT'S THE BEACH!!

THE BEACH?
AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
THIS IS EXACTLY THE TIME FOR A TRIP.
AH, THANKS.
CLUNK
THINGS ARE ONLY GOING TO GET HARDER.
YOU NEED SOME TIME OFF TO ENJOY STUDENT LIFE.
HEBIJO CLANDESTINE GIRLS' ACADEMY ATTACKED US AGAIN...

THEY SET A TRAP TO DISTRACT US.
AND WE LEFT HANZO ACADEMY UNDEFENDED
BUT THEN WE FOUND A PILE OF KEBIJO'S NINJA UNCONSCIOUS ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS
WE RETURNED TO SCHOOL AS FAST AS WE COULD, HOPING WE WEREN'T TOO LATE
FEAR NOT, MY FRIENDS! THE ENEMY HAS BEEN ANNIHILATED!!
WHO ON EARTH...?

I AM DAIDOJI, A SHINOBI OF HANZO!!
DAIDOJI-- A LEGENDARY UPPERCLASSMAN POSSESSING EXTRAORDINARY SPEED AND POWER. SHE MASTERED THE FINAL EXAM AFTER ONLY ONE YEAR.
HOWEVER, SHE REMAINS A STUDENT AT HANZO, REFUSING TO GRADUATE.
WHAT?
THEN WHY...?
"I SHALL TELL YOU ONCE YOU HAVE ACQUIRED TRUE POWER!"
'TWAS NOT FOR YOUR SAKE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
YOU REALLY HELPED US OUT!
AND THEN, DAIDOJI VANISHED, HAVING SINGLE-HANDEDLY DEFENDED THE ACADEMY.

FWAP
ADJUST
GLANCE
HEE HEE HEE!

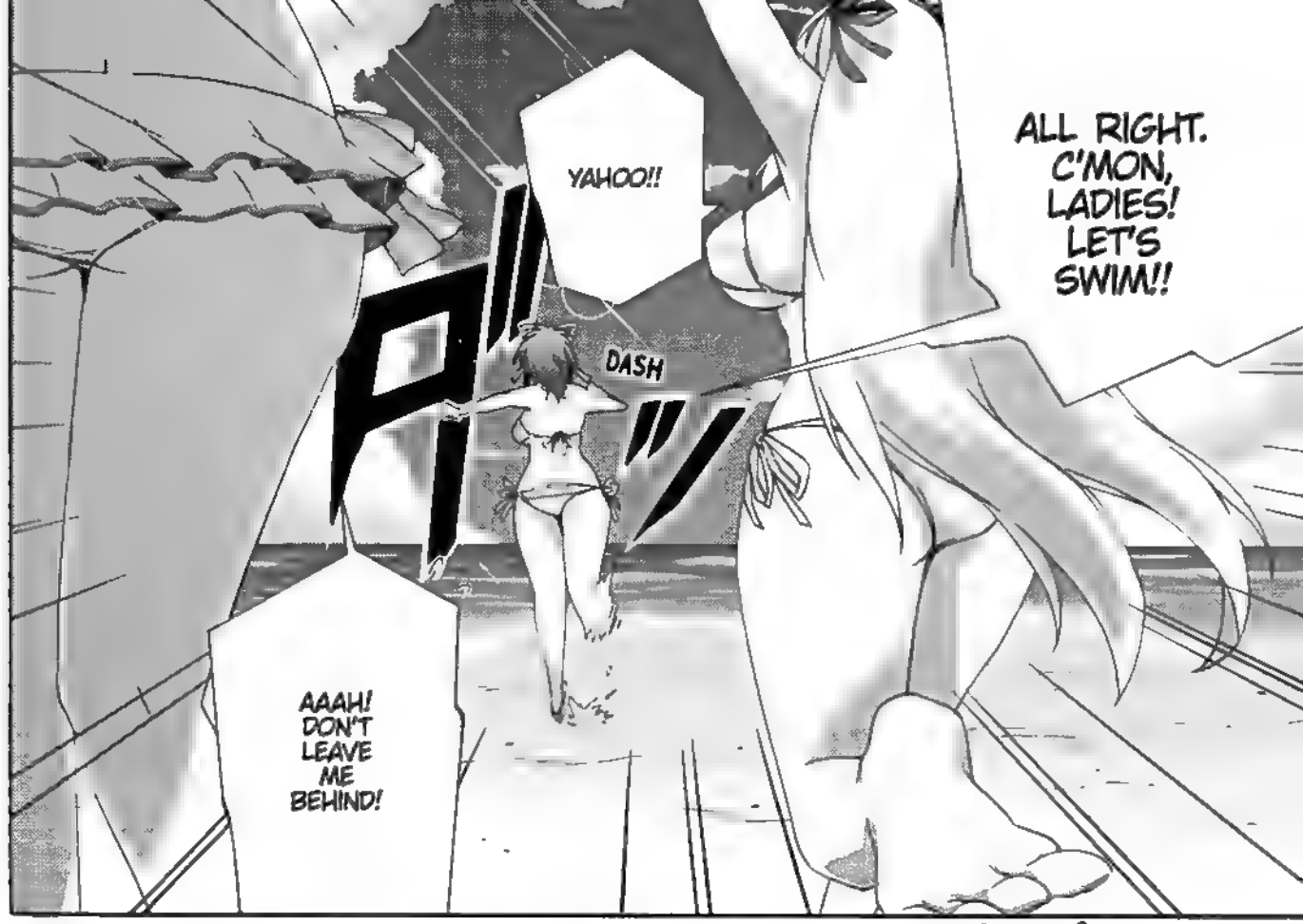
BLECH
OH YEAH, HALTER STYLE IS IN THIS YEAR.
DA-DAN!
AND NOW, IT'S TIME FOR OUR ...
ANNUAL SWIMSUIT FASHION SHOW!!
OH!
PULL
YAGYU LOOKS GREAT IN A FRILLY PINK CHECKERED SET!
S-SO WHAT?!
STOP IT, CREEP!
HEY, SISTER KATSU!!

SHEESH...
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A PERVERT!
NO, NO, NO!!
THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
KYAAH?!
YAHOO!
OH MAN, I'VE GOTTA UNDO THAT STRING!!
YANK

UNBELIEV-ABLE!
STOP FOOLING AROUND!
SORRY WE'RE LATE!!
WOW!
VERY CHIC!
VA VA VOOM
I CAN SEE WHY YOU'RE THE CLASS REPRESEN-TATIVE!
SUPER CUTE
AND HERE WE HAVE HIBARI, SPORTING FRILLS AND PINK POLKA DOTS!!

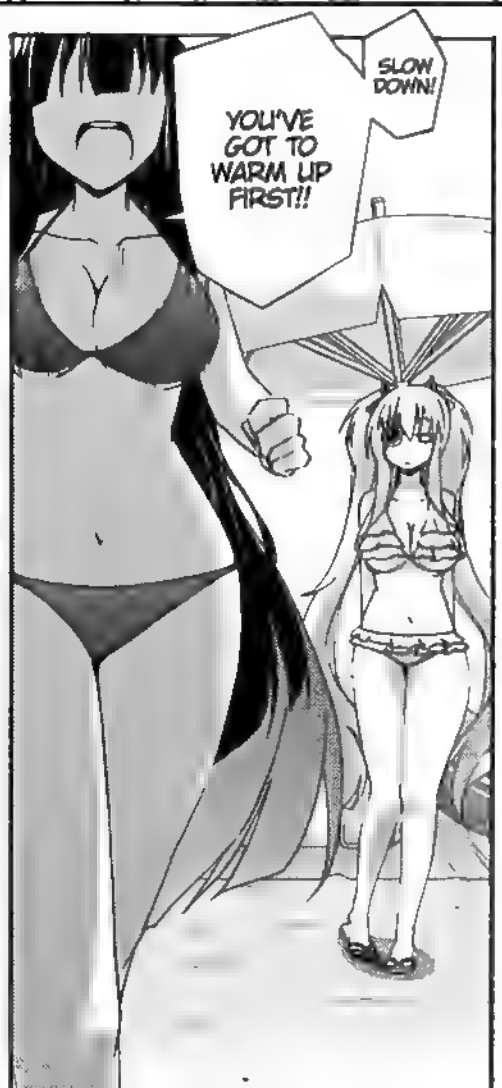
UNBELIEVABLE...
HUBBA HUBBA
WOO HOO!
YOU LADIES GET IT, DON'T YOU?!

WOULD YOU MIND...
KEEPING THE KEY TO THE LOCKER ROOM?
HEY... BY THE WAY, HIBARI-CHAN...
WHOOOOOA! THIS IS GETTING EXCITING~!
GREAT!
CLINK
HERE YOU GO.
OF COURSE NOT! LEAVE IT TO ME!
YOU WON'T REGRET PUTTING YOUR TRUST IN ME!
DETERMINED
DETERMINED


ALL RIGHT. C'MON, LADIES! LET'S SWIM!!
YAHOO!!
DASH
AAAH! DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND!

SIGH...

キャー
KYAA!
キャー
KYAA!


SLOW DOWN!
YOU'VE GOT TO WARM UP FIRST!!

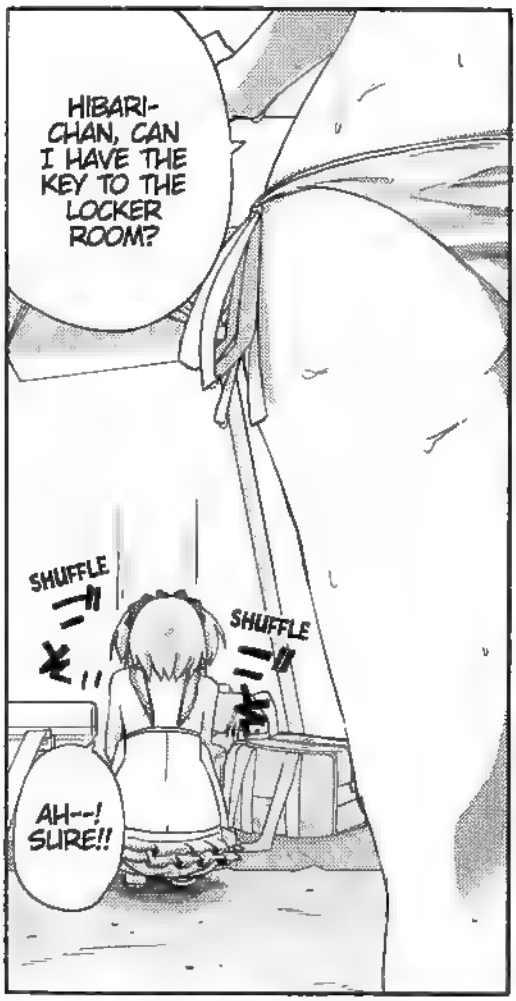
YAGYU-CHAN!
COME ON! COME ON!!
SPLOOSH
ALL RIGHT.
I'M COMING.
HEH HEH HEH ...

EXCELLENT. THEY'RE *TOTALLY* DISTRACTED.
SMIRK
へへへ…
WE'LL NAB THE KEY WHILE THEY'RE IN THE WATER.
Hebijo Clandestine Girls' Academy, Third Year Student HARUKA
SO...
I FOLLOWED YOU TO THE BEACH, THINKING WE WERE GOING TO SWIM...
BUT WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU MEAN TO ACCOMPLISH HERE, ANYWAY?
Hebijo Clandestine Girls' Academy, Second Year Student YOMI
WHEN THEY LOSE THE KEY TO THE LOCKER ROOM, THEY'LL *PANIC*.
THAT *DITZ* THEY PUT IN CHARGE OF IT WILL *TAKE THE BLAME!*
Oh, No!
GUILTY!!

I WANNA TRY THAT MOYASHI YAKISOBA* THEY WERE SELLING OVER THERE, TOO...
WHATEVER, LET'S JUST GET IT OVER WITH AND HAVE SOME FUN.
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE HER SOBBING FACE! ♥
OOOH!
WAAH
WAAAAH!

*Bean sprout yakisoba (Japanese style chow mien).

THIS PLAN IS PERFECT, IF I SAY SO MYSELF! I'M SO AWESOME!
BEAN BEAN BEAN SPROUTS
SPROUT SPROUT SPROUT
TASTY TASTY TASTY TASTY
YUM YUM YUM YUM
MONEY, MONEY, MONEY! YOU CAN SAVE LOTS OF MONEY!
BEAN, BEAN, BEAN SPROUTS! BEAN SPROUTS ARE SO CHEAP!


HIBARI-CHAN, CAN I HAVE THE KEY TO THE LOCKER ROOM?
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
AH--! SURE!!

WHEW!
THAT WAS FUN!
WHAT A FEAST FOR THE EYES! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YAGYU SO EXPOSED!
YOU SAW NOTHING!!
STEP
STEP

THE KEY IS... IT'S GONE!
SNIFF... SNIFFLE...

HUH...?
WHAT? NO!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

IN HERE.
HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN ?!
I PUT IT RIGHT HERE!
THAT'S... IMPOSSIBLE!!
EVERY-ONE, FAN OUT AND LOOK FOR IT!
MAYBE IT FELL.
O-OKAY!
YES, MA'AM!
OH MY GOD!!
WHAT?
DID YOU FIND IT?
YOU MUST HAVE.
N-
NO.
POINT
TREMBLE

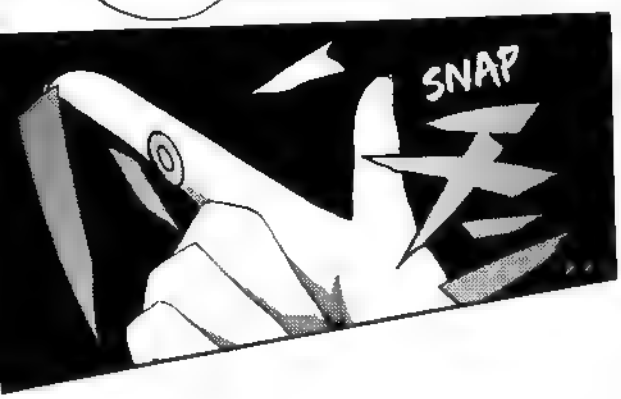
THOSE ARE OUR CLOTHES AND PANTIES OVER THERE...
HANZO ACADEMY USED CLOTHING SALE
GET 'EM CHEAP! CHEAP! EVERYTHING MUST GO!
CURRY RICE
WHAAAAT?!

HA!
THEY'RE DEVASTATED...
EXACTLY ACCORDING TO PLAN.
JUST AS I PLANNED...
AND WHAT A GRAND PLAN IT WAS.
THEY'RE JUST ORDINARY, CHEAP HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS...

!!
WE HAVE TO GET THEM BACK!
WHAT IF SOMEBODY BUYS THEM?!
WAAAAH!
THOSE PANTIES ARE ALL MINE!!
I WON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO HAVE HIBARI'S PANTIES!!

DASH

HEH HEH.
YOU WON'T GET THEM BACK SO EASILY...


SNAP

Y-YEAH!!
LET'S GO, GIRLS!
U-US, TOO...!
SHEEN

RUUUMBLE
AN AMBUSH?!
OH NO! WHAT DO WE DO?!
ACTUALLY... IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE DOING FINE ON THEIR OWN.
LOOKS LIKE IT.
YEP.
WHAM
SWISH
HUMPH!
GET ...
OUT OF MY WAY!!
SWISH
FWOOM

AAAAAAA
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
IT'S ONLY TWO OF THEM!!
PANTIES INSPIRE INCREDIBLE FEATS.
IF YOU'RE A PERVERT
YAAAAAAH! YOU SAID IT!

KA-BOOM

WHAT THE...?!

FWUMP
WOW.
CLINK
TINK

I'M SO SORRY.
IF I'D BEEN MORE CAREFUL, THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED...
ニョ
ボーン
SLUMP
HEY!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, HIBARI-CHAN!
ALL BLAME LIES WITH THE TERRIBLE PEOPLE WHO STOLE OUR CLOTHES.
AND WE GOT IT ALL BACK, NO SWEAT!
SISTER KATSU...
PLEASE RETURN THE ITEMS HIDDEN BETWEEN YOUR BOOBS, TOO!
DAMN.
BUSTED.

HIBARI.
HUG
WHOA!
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
WE ALL UNDERSTAND.
.....
I GUESS...

ARRRGH!
SEETHE
THAT DID NOT GO AS PLANNED ...
WHY DIDN'T THEY BLAME HIBARI?!
WAVE
WAVE
OH WELL, YOUR PLAN FAILED.
I'M GOING TO EAT SOME MOYASHI YAKISOBA...
FINE.
I GUESS I HAVE TO BULLY HER MYSELF.
MY DEAR MOYA-SHI!
I'M COMING!
COMING FOR YOU~!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN...
MY CUTE LITTLE DOLL...
UWA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
CLOSING TIME!
KA-CHING
チーン...

.....
THUMP
GAAAH...
GOBBLE
GOBBLE
MAYBE I'M NOT CUT OUT TO BE A SHINOBI.
IF I QUIT, IT'D PROBABLY JUST HELP THE OTHERS...
HERE YOU GO!
MUSHA

GIMME ANOTHER!!
cafe
la*blanche

DUUUN

EXCUSE ME!
COULD I HAVE ANOTHER ...?
FWIP FWIP
OUCH!
SHATTER

WH...
WHAT'S THIS?
YOU MUST BE A STUDENT OF SHINOBI FROM HANZO ACADEMY.
HANG
?!

JAKEEEN
DUN
DUN
DUN
YOU'RE FROM HEBIJO!!
STAND
EEEEK!
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
THUNK
SNEAK
HEY!
PLIP
WHERE --?
HOW COULD THEY ATTACK ME HERE...?
JEEZ...
SHING

AH... GCK ...!
WHAT DO I DO...?
SQUEEZE
GASP
GRAB
I HAVE TO...DO SOMETHING...
CLINK
BEHIND ME?!
YOU FOOL!
WHAT...?
?
CHOKE
RELEASE
SOMETHING....

YAGYU...
CHAN?
POKe
POKe
BOING
BOING
SHUUU...
HIBARI... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THUD
GOOD...
YOU'RE SAFE NOW.
.....
STAND
I'LL ALWAYS COME...
IF YOU'RE IN TROUBLE.
WHY DID YOU--?
HIBARI ?
THANK YOU, PLEASE COME AGAIN!

TURN
DON'T FOLLOW ME.
WHAT'S WRONG, HIBARI?
I COULD'VE HANDLED IT BY MYSELF...
NO...
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO HANDLE IT BY MYSELF!
WHY DID YOU HELP ME?!
HIBA--
I KNOW WHY!
FLEEING

I KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!
YOU THINK I'M HELPLESS!
はぁ… PANT
はぁ… PANT
NO.
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL...
STOMP
STOMP
GLARE
.....
I'M NOT STUPID.

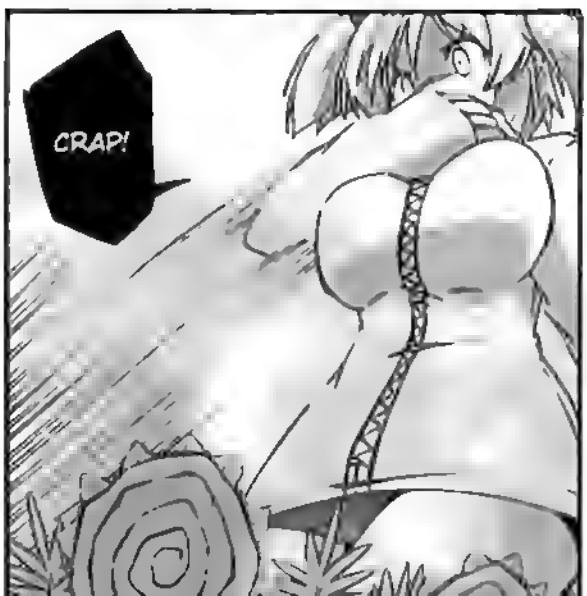
CHAN...
……
ピタ
PAUSE
YAGYU--
BAAAN
ポトッ
DROP
ALONE
ぽつん

DOOOOOM
IT'S A MALICEWEED.
I KNOW...
THIS PLANT...
GRAB
AH!
BUT...
THIS ONLY GROWS IN...
TWIRL
TWIRL
JUKAI. THAT'S WHAT MASTER KIRIYA SAID...
I WONDER IF HEBIJO IS...

GLOOM

AM I MISTAKEN, LITTLE PLANT?
PAT
PAT
HISS

URGH...
POKE
POKE
THERE'S NO TRACE OF HEBIJO.


CRAP!

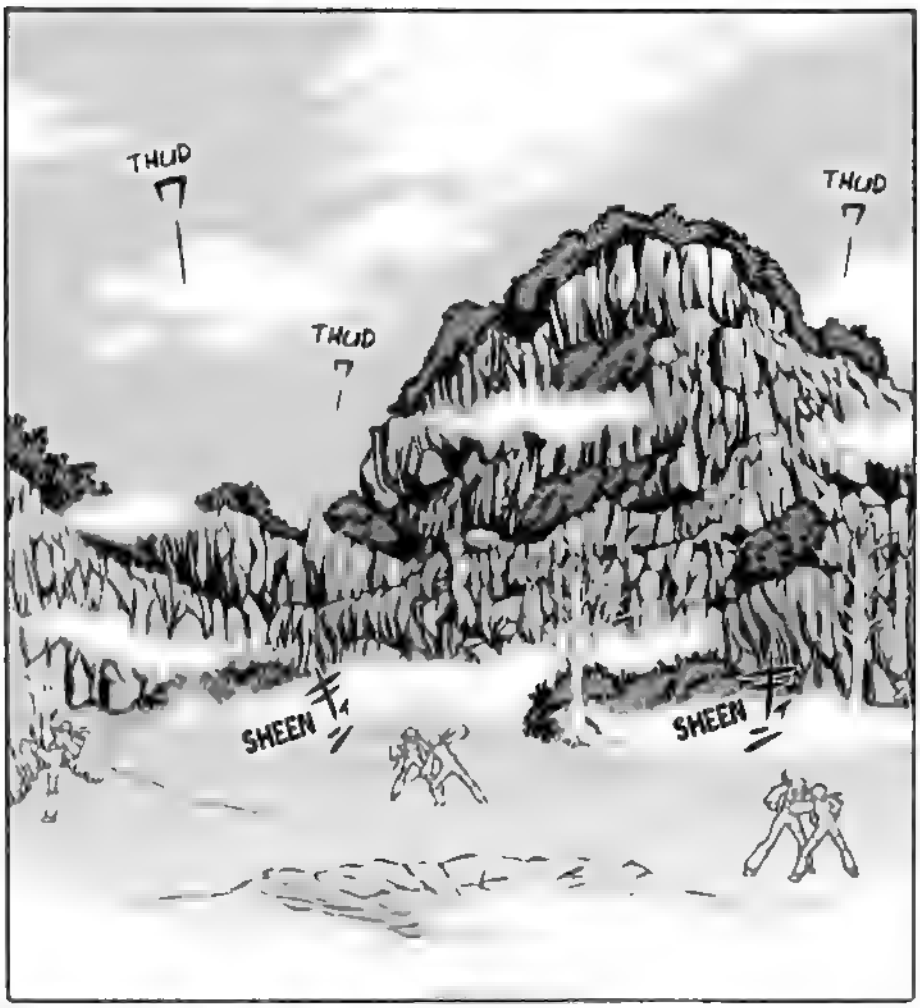
SNIFF
HUH?
SNIFF

UGH...
COUGH!! COUGH!!
DROP
THE PLANTS ARE SPRAYING POISON...
I BET THEY'RE SOME KIND OF AN "IMPROVED" VARIETY MADE BY HEBIJO.
WHAT DO I DO? WHAT?!
SCRAPE
DON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY. YOU CAN HANDLE THIS IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT!
YAGYU-CHAN...?

REMEMBER, HIBARI, THE SUBMERSION TECHNIQUE COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE ONE DAY.
THIS TECHNIQUE ISN'T ONLY USEFUL UNDER WATER.
IT WILL LET YOU KEEP BREATHING IF YOU'RE BURIED ALIVE, OR ATTACKED WITH POISON GAS.
TOSS
CATCH
THIS IS SO OLD-FASHIONED!
THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A SNORKEL, NOW!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, DIE?
I WON'T LET YOU DIE, HIBARI.
CLASP
CARRY THE BAMBOO WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.
IF YOU THINK YOU'RE IN DANGER, DON'T HESITATE TO USE IT.

FWUHHH...
POKE
THE BAMBOO...!!
SLIP
INHALE
GOOD--IT'S HEAVIER THAN AIR. I CAN BREATHE AGAIN!
KLANK
KLANK
I SAID SOME TERRIBLE THINGS...
THANK YOU, YAGYU-CHAN.
EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT WITH ME, YOU'RE HELPING ME...
WHAT WAS THAT...?

AH...!


THUD
THUD
THUD
SHEEN
SHEEN

HIDE

THOSE GIRLS...
I'VE BEEN VERY UPSET LATELY.

THAT'S THE SNAKE GIRL WHO BATTLED SISTER KATSU...
WHAT'S UP, YOMI-SAN?
IT'S ONE THING FOR THE FANCY VEGETABLES WE (THE WEALTHY) CONSUME TO GET EXPENSIVE, BUT EVEN LOWLY BEAN SPROUTS ARE GETTING HARD TO AFFORD...
HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?!
YES, UNFOR-TUNATELY.
THERE'S NO DOUBT... THIS IS HEBIJO CLANDESTINE GIRLS' ACADEMY!
THE PRICE OF VEGETABLES KEEPS GOING UP AND UP.
I DON'T KNOW THE OTHER ONE...
I NEED TO TELL THE OTHERS QUICKLY...
LEAN
WITHOUT ALERTING THE BAD GUYS...
WOW, A HANZO SHINOBI ALL THE WAY OUT HERE!
!!
WHOA!
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK
THUNK

YOU SURVIVED THE MALICEWEED TRAP! THAT'S IMPRESSIVE!
NOT BAD!
Hebijo Clandestine Girls' Academy, First Year Student
MIRAI

HA!
I'M NOT AFRAID OF SOME LOLI-PRINCESS!!
YEAH? THEN HOW ABOUT A FIGHT?
OR ARE YOU AFRAID YOU WON'T SURVIVE?
THAT WAS...
SWING
CHILD'S PLAY!

WHAT?
YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?
INDEED.
IT SEEMS YOUR COMPETENCE HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY UNDERRATED.
TSK.
SO, YOU'RE HIBARI.
JAKEEEN
YOU'RE STILL A FOOL!!
HOWEVER...
RUSTLE
D...
DON'T MOCK ME!
FUWAP
TAP
I'M NOT MOCKING YOU...

PYOO
PYOO
GYAAAH?!
PYOO
PYOO
PYOO
SWISH
I RESCIND MY COMMENT ABOUT YOUR COMPETENCE... THAT WAS TOO EASY.
MY APOLO-GIES...
ZUM
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
UGH!
THUD

WHAT?
THIS ISN'T THE HEAD-QUARTERS?
LOOK...
DO YOU *REALLY* THINK THAT HEBIJO'S HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE SO EASY TO FIND?
YOU...
WERE TRICKED. ♪
NO...
FWAAAP
THIS IS JUST A TRAINING GROUND.
IT'S ALSO A TRAP TO CATCH FOOLS LIKE YOU.

I WONDER WHAT SHE'D THINK OF ME...
KA-CHINK
THE SLAYER OF HER PRECIOUS HIBARI.
FSSSSH
?!
IF I KILL YOU HERE, HOW WILL THAT YAGYU GIRL REACT?
NOW.

YAGYU-CHAN!
NNH...!!

KRAKA-POW

TINGLE
TINGLE
TINGLE
I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT! ♪

TWIRL
TWIRL
TWIRL
PYOO
PYOO
YA--

YOU'RE HERE!!

YAGYU-CHAN! HOW...?!
LUCKILY, YOU LEFT A TRAIL.
TIME TO GO. CAN YOU MOVE?
PULL

YOU...
TP
TP
TP
TP
TP
STAND AND FIGHT, COWARD!
HOW LONG BEFORE ...
YOU'RE TOO TIRED TO KEEP RUNNING?!
FLIP

RUN, HIBARI!
GOT IT!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU!
I SEE...
YOU DARE TO IGNORE ME...?
ENRAGED
GRR...
GRIT

DON'T MESS WITH MEEEEEE!!!
SHA-WING
ドキッ!!
ドドド

?!
COUGH! COUGH!
B-
A-
FWOOM
FWOOOOOOOOO
WHA...?
I'LL COME AFTER YOU NO MATTER WHAT!
YOU WILL FACE ME!
I'M NOT GIVING UP!

UH... YAGYU-CHAN...
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME... AGAIN.

I THINK WE'RE CLEAR.
HUFF
HUFF

IT WAS NO TROUBLE.

I'M HOPELESS...
WHY DO I ALWAYS RELY ON YOU FOR HELP?

YOU'RE A SKILLED SHINOBI.
BUT IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE THERE.
YOU'RE NOT HOPELESS.
STEP
THANKS ...
AND, YAGYU-CHAN? I SAID SOME AWFUL STUFF EARLIER...
I'M SO SORRY...
SNIFF
SOAK

THUD...

BLOOD?!
YAGYU-CHAN!
COME ON! STAY WITH ME!!
DON'T... AH... WORRY.
I'M FINE.
IT'S... JUST... A SCRATCH...
YAGYU-CHAN!!
TO BE CONTINUED!

Kenichiro Takaki (Producer)

Hey! This is Takaki, aka NyuNyu*. How did you like Volume 1 of the monthly *Comic Alive* version of *Senran Kagura*? This series began one month before the release of the game, and yet the fact that it's in graphic novel format means that six months have passed already! How time flies! We created *Senran Kagura* thinking that "there should be a healthy, sexy action game"! *Senran Kagura* is now getting bigger and bigger each day, like breasts during the growing season. Opposing forces are gathering due to the gravitational pull of mega boobs! Stay tuned for Volume 2!

PROFILE

Game director and producer of MarvelousAQL Inc. After years of chasing after gigantic boobs, he unveiled four works collectively entitled "the mega boob hyper battle." With his unrelenting pursuit and love of boobs, he gained the lofty position of "mega boob producer." *Senran Kagura* players call him "NyuNyu" with love and respect. With his versatility and ability, he is a producer who rewards us often. Thank you, NyuNyu!

Original Story/Producer • Kenichiro Takaki

**Nyu is one way to pronounce the kanji for breast.*

PROFILE

In charge of PR and advertisement of MarvelousAQL for *Senran Kagura: Skirting Shadows Vol. 1.* Willing to put herself on the line for work, she is the paragon of an ad woman. If you see her at work, meditate with all your might. The body part that she usually puts on the line is...her right hand. What else would it be? (See: the illustration below.)

Don't call her a walking joke. Yes, she is a soft beauty. We're looking forward to Mory's future activities as she passionately (we hope!) promotes big boobs.

PR and Advertisement • Mori

POSTSCRIPT

THANK YOU FOR READING THE MANGA VERSION OF *SENRAN KAGURA*. VOLUME ONE WAS CREATED WITH THE COOPERATION AND HARD WORK OF MANY, MANY PEOPLE.

NICE TO MEET YOU.

I'M AMAMI TAKATSUME.

I'M STILL QUITE NEW AT THIS, BUT AFTER MEETING KAGURA, MY BOOB POWER INCREASES DAILY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

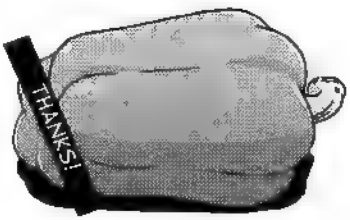
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT I WOULD BE THE ONE TO DO THE "COMIC-IZATION" OF THIS SERIES. WHEN I FOUND OUT, I SHOUTED, "COME TO MAMA, 3D BOOBS!"

I WILL WORK HARD TO DRAW OUT THE GIRLS' CHARMS EVEN MORE AND CREATE A WORK THAT YOU CAN ALL ENJOY.

ALL THE CHARACTERS ARE CUTE, BUT MY FAVORITE HANZO STUDENT IS YAGYU-CHAN WITH HER LOVELY EYE PATCH, AND HOMURA-CHAN ON THE HEBIJO SIDE. HOMURA-CHAN!

AND TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE READING THIS STORY... THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH! I WILL WORK HARD TO MAKE IT THE BEST WORK I CAN, SO PLEASE STAY TUNED.

AMAMI TAKATSUME... OVER AND OUT.



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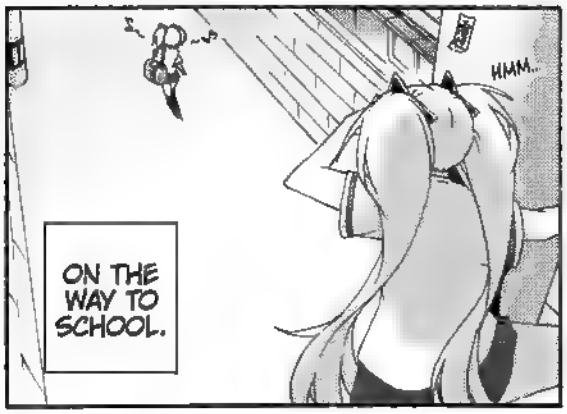
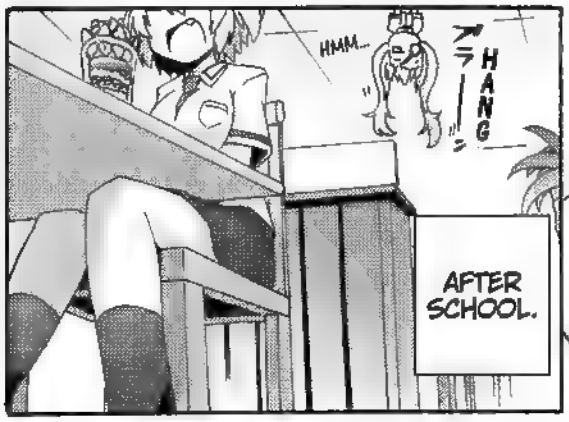
I SHALL PROTECT HIBARI





THIS IS AN ENDLESS LOOP. ⬆

YAGYU-SAN'S DAILY SCHEDULE

DEVOTED TO HIBARI

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